

AMENDMENTS

Listing of Claims:

The following listing of claims replaces all previous listings or versions thereof:

1-72. (Cancelled).

73. (Previously presented) A method of inhibiting apoptosis in a cell comprising providing, in vitro, the cell with a nucleic acid segment encoding a polypeptide comprising SEQ ID NO:2, wherein a Fas and/or TNFR1 mediated apoptosis pathway is inhibited in the cell.

74.-87. (Cancelled).

88. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 86, wherein the nucleic acid segment is provided to the animal in an amount effective to prevent apoptosis of the cell.

89. (Cancelled).

90. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 73, wherein the nucleic acid segment is operatively linked to a promoter that expresses the nucleic acid in the cell to provide the polypeptide.

91. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 90, wherein the nucleic acid segment is comprised within a vector.

92. (Previously presented) A method of inhibiting apoptosis in a cell comprising providing, in vitro, the cell with a nucleic acid segment comprising at least SEQ ID NO:1, wherein a Fas and/or TNFR1 mediated apoptosis pathway is inhibited in the cell.

93.-97 (Cancelled)

98. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 96, wherein the nucleic acid segment is provided to the animal in an amount effective to prevent apoptosis of the cell.

99. (Cancelled).

100. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 92, wherein the nucleic acid segment is operatively linked to a promoter that expresses the nucleic acid in the cell to provide the polypeptide.

101. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 100, wherein the nucleic acid segment is comprised within a vector.